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TAGS: PINT, PK

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION ALLIANCE TO BOYCOTT PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY  
ELECTIONS

REF: LAHORE 0187

1. RAFIQ AHMAD BAJWA, GENZRAL SECRETARY OF OPPOSITION  
PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA), ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT  
IN LAHORE 1600 LOCAL TIME MARCH 8 THAT PNA LEADERSHIP (IN-  
CLUDING AIR MARSHAL ASGHAR KHAN) HAS DECIDED TO BOYCOTT  
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY  
MARCH 10. ACCORDING TO BAJWA, WHO READ OUT STATEMENT, BOYCOTT  
HAS BEEN AGREED UPON TO CALL TO WORLD'S ATTENTION ELECTORAL  
MALPRACTICES PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (PPP) ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED  
IN DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY POLL MARCH 7. BAJWA SAID PNA  
DID NOT RECOGNIZE RESULTS. MIAN TUFAIL MOHAMMED, AMIR OF  
JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI (PUNJAB), READ OUT A LONG LIST OF ALLEGATIONS  
AGAINST PPP BEFORE BAJWA SPOKE, ACCUSING IT OF INTIMIDATING  
VOTERS, STUFFING BALLOT BOXES, MISUSING GOVERNMENT FUNDS  
AND PROPERTY, ETC. TUFAIL CALLED ELECTION SHAMEFUL, AN  
INSULT TO NATION.

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2. BAJWA SAID PNA LEADERS WOULD MEET IN LAHORE TONITE (MARCH  
8) TO MAP OUT FUTURE STRATEGY. HE FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT  
ALL PNA CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY  
ELECTIONS WOULD GATHER SOON, FOLLOWING WHICH A WHITE PAPER  
DETAILING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PPP WILL BE ISSUED. HE MADE NO  
APPEAL FOR POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. SO FAR, GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REACTED. HOWEVER, BHUTTO  
IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD NATIONWIDE TV PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1930 LOCAL  
TIME TONITE (MARCH 8).  
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